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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INHIBITING APOPTOSIS  
USING SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS (As Amended)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2002 having a three month shortened statutory period of response set to expire April 14, 2002. Also submitted herewith is a Petition to extend the period for a Response one (1) month up to and including May 14, 2002, accompanied by appropriate fee. The following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.

In the Specification:

Please enter the following amended title:

Methods and Compositions for Inhibiting Apoptosis Using Serine Protease Inhibitors

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There are numerous diseases that are characterized by excessive apoptosis. Among these diseases are autoimmune diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, myocardial infarction, stroke, ischemia-reperfusion injury, toxin-induced liver injury, sepsis, and AIDS.

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